

is that correct? A Yes, sir.

Q Did he take precedence over you or you over him, or were you equals? A We were equally interested and worked together equally.

Q Was that on the theory that the murders might have been committed in Somerset County? A No, sir. Mr. Stricker offered the use of his officers, offered the use of his corps of detectives to assist Somerset County. It was accepted and we worked together.

Q How long? A From the time of the commission of the crime until Mr. Mott assumed authority.

Q And after Mr. Mott assumed authority Mr. Beekman and Mr. Mott were in charge of the case and Mr. Stricker had got out of it, hadn't he? A Yes, Mr. Stricker retired.

Q And also Mr. David had retired, had he not?

A Well, in a way, but he was always anxious to see the case.

Q To see the case what? A He was always anxious to see the mystery solved, and he would assist in any way he could or thought he was assisting.

Q And after you were at the scene of the crime, or where the bodies were found, and had made a thorough search this second time, where did you go? A I went to Mr. Mills' house.

Q Mr. Mills' house? A Yes, sir.

Q Who was with you when you went back to the scene of the crime